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SUBJ: YANIKIAN TRIAL

REF: STATE 118342

1. TRIAL APPEARS TO BE IN ITS FINAL PHASE THIS WEEK. SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT ATTORNEY MINIER STILL HOPES FOR CONVICTION ON FIRST DEGREE MURDER. HIRSHORN, NEA/ TUR, VISITED THE COURTROOM ON JUNE 22. THERE WERE HEAVY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, INCLUDING A WEAPON DETECTOR THAT VISITORS WERE REQUIRED TO PASS THROUGH BEFORE ENTERING. MOST OF THE SPECTATORS WERE ARMENIAN- AMERICANS. BUSSING FROM LOS ANGELES HAD BEEN RESUMED (SEE REFTEL). THEY ARE THERE AS A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR YANIKIAN AND RISE WHEN HE ENTERS. THEY WERE SILENT AND RESPECTFUL INSIDE THE COURTROOM, HAVING BEEN ADMONISHED BY THE JUDGE

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SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER FOR HAVING MADE TOO MUCH NOISE. THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO HARASS THE ONE TURK (A WOMAN) IN ATTENDANCE.

2. TURKISH CORRESPONDENT REFIK ERDURAN HAS NOT BEEN ATTENDING THE TRIAL. HIS REPORTS HAVE BEEN BASED ON INACCURATE UPI REPORTS, ACCORDING TO MINIER. MINIER ALSO SAID EVIDENCE IS " OVERWHELMING" THAT YANIKIAN ACTED ALONE AND WAS NOT PART OF A CONSPIRACY. ROGERS

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